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ABSTRACT

This KIDS COUNT data book examines statewide trends in the well-being of New Jersey's children. The report begins with general state facts and trends in child well-being, county composite and quartile rankings for 1994, state composite rankings for the years 1991 through 1994, and state quartile rankings by county for the years 1993 and 1994. The bulk of the report provides data in two forms on a county-by-county basis, including a composite ranking table and a table of trends which compares Kids Count data from 1991 through 1994. Twelve indicators of child well-being include: (1) low birthweight; (2) no prenatal care; (3) infant mortality; (4) AFDC benefits; (5) food stamp benefits; (6) births to teens; (7) child abuse and neglect; (8) child deaths; (9) teen deaths; (10) juvenile arrests; (11) juvenile commitments; and (12) out-of-home placements. The third section of the report provides data on 21 of New Jersey's major cities and their ranking in relation to the state averages in the indicator areas of: (1) low birth weight; (2) no prenatal care; (3) infant mortality; (4) AFDC benefits; (5) food stamp benefits; (6) births to teens; (7) child deaths; and (8) teen death. The report ends with a glossary of terms and definitions. (SD)

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Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.

Theodore Roosevelt

New Jersey State Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1992	$26,091
Population Under 18 Years Old	1,799,462
Percent Non-White	32%
Percent Living with Single Parent	18.6%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level	11%
Births in 1993	120,352

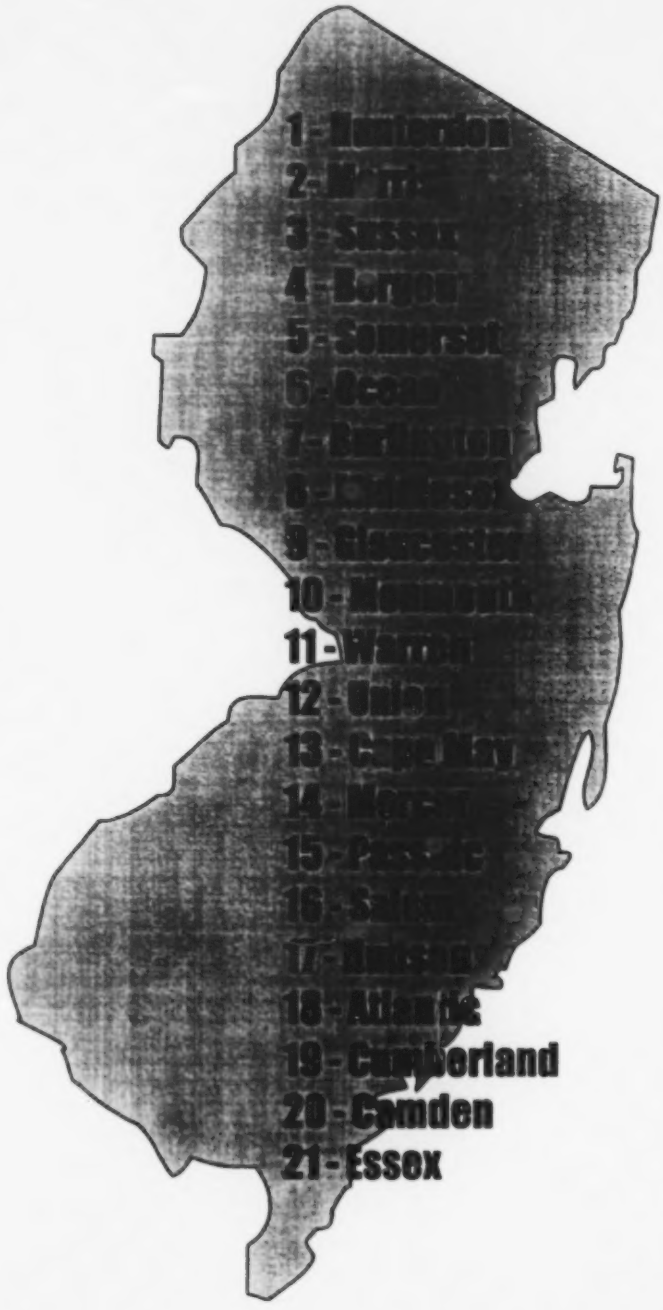
TRENDS IN CHILD WELL-BEING

Indicator	Kids Count 1991 Book	Kids Count 1992 Book	Kids Count 1993 Book	Kids Count 1994 Book
Low Birth Weight	7.3	7	7.5	7.3
No Prenatal Care	1.6	1.2	1.3	1.4
Infant Mortality Rate	9.3	8.9	8.8	8.3
AFDC Benefits	120	137	128	127
Food Stamp Benefits	NA	146	153	155
Births to Teens	43	41	40	39.7
Child Abuse & Neglect	9.5	9.6	8.3	NA
Child Death Rate	3	2.7	2.5	2.6
Teen Death Rate	7	5.9	5.8	5.8
Juvenile Arrest Rate	NA	116	115	110
Juvenile Commitment Rate	1.4	1.6	1.8	2.1
Out-of-Home Placement Rate	NA	3.7	4.5	4

Health Indicators (1989, 1990, 1991, 1992)
AFDC and Food Stamp Indicators (1990, 1992, 1993, 1994)
Arrest Indicator (1991, 1992, 1993)
Commitment Indicator (1989, 1990, 1992, 1993)
Out-of-Home Placement Indicator (1990, 1993, 1994)
Child Abuse Indicator (1990, 1991,1992) substantiated cases

Low Birth Weight & No Prenatal Care - Percent of All
Infant Mortality - Per 1,000 Live Births
AFDC & Food Stamps - Per 1,000 Children
Births to Teens - Per 1,000 Teens 15-19
Child Abuse - Per 1,000 Children
Child Death Rate - Per 10,000 Children 1-14
Teen Death Rate - Per 10,000 Teens 15-19
Juvenile Arrest Rate - Per 1,000 Children 10-17
Juvenile Commitment Rate - Per 1,000 Children 13-18
Out of Home Placement - Per 1,000 Children

County Composite Ranks 1994



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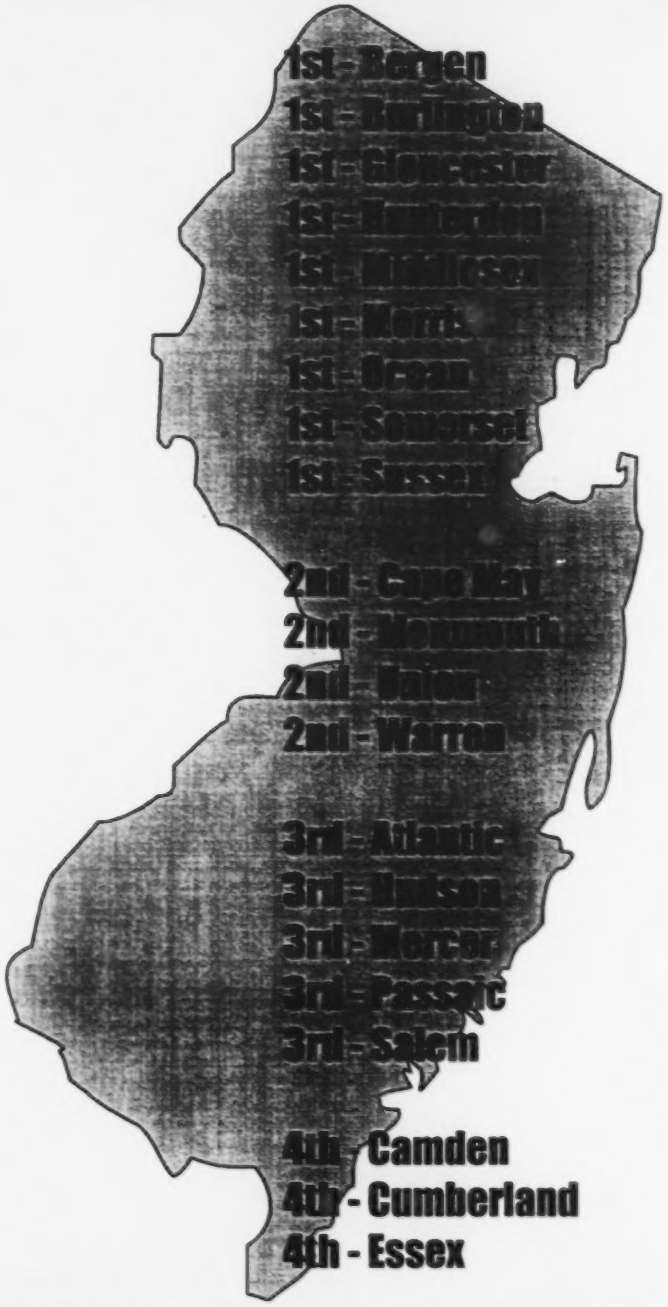
County Quartile Ranks 1994



Quartile Rankings are the portion of the distribution which comprises an exact fourth of the total. This ranking shows the counties (13) that perform in the upper quartiles of the state and the counties (8) that perform in the lower quartiles of the state on indicators of child well-being. This gives a composite picture of county performance on all indicators of child well-being. Counties in the first quartile are the better performers.

Kids Count New Jersey Composite Rankings

County	1991	1992	1993	1994
Atlantic	20	20	18	18
Bergen	1	2	4	4
Burlington	7	8	7	7
Camden	18	18	20	20
Cape May	12	14	19	13
Cumberland	17	19	16	19
Essex	21	21	21	21
Gloucester	10	11	8	9
Hudson	19	17	17	17
Hunterdon	5	3	1	1
Mercer	14	13	14	14
Middlesex	6	6	6	8
Monmouth	11	10	11	10
Morris	2	1	2	2
Ocean	8	9	10	6
Passaic	16	15	15	15
Salem	15	16	13	16
Somerset	4	7	5	5
Sussex	3	4	3	3
Union	13	12	12	12
Warren	9	5	9	11

Kids Count New Jersey Quartile Rankings

County	1993	1994
Atlantic	3rd	3rd
Bergen	1st	1st
Burlington	1st	1st
Camden	3rd	4th
Cape May	3rd	2nd
Cumberland	3rd	4th
Essex	4th	4th
Gloucester	1st	1st
Hudson	3rd	3rd
Hunterdon	1st	1st
Mercer	2nd	3rd
Middlesex	1st	1st
Monmouth	1st	2nd
Morris	1st	1st
Ocean	1st	1st
Passaic	2nd	3rd
Salem	2nd	3rd
Somerset	1st	1st
Sussex	1st	1st
Union	2nd	2nd
Warren	1st	2nd

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ATLANTIC COUNTY

COMPOSITE RANK # 18

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1992 . . . . . .$24,148
Population under 18 Years Old 51,436
Percent Non-White 30%
Percent Living with Single Parent 25%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level. 13%
Births in 1992 4,069

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				County Rate	Rank
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births				8%	7.3%					7.9%	13
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births					1.4%					1.4%	15
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births				1%	8.3					8.4	13
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children			32%		127					168	17
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children			34%		155					207	17
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)		70%			39.7					67.4	20
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)					2.6	20%				2.1	9
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)			44%		5.8					8.4	19
Juvenile Arrests '93 per 1,000 children (10-17)	80%				110					198	19
Juvenile Commitments '93 per 1,000 children (13-18)	117%				2.1					4.5	20
Out-of-Home Placement '94 per 1,000 children			39%		4					5.6	17

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ATLANTIC COUNTY
TRENDS IN CHILD WELL-BEING

Indicator	KIDS COUNT 1991 Book	KIDS COUNT 1992 Book	KIDS COUNT 1993 Book	KIDS COUNT 1994 Book
Low Birth Weight	8.3	7.8	8.1	7.9
No Prenatal Care	1.7	2.4	1.8	1.4
Infant Mortality Rate	14.1	13.3	9	8.4
AFDC Benefits	156	191	178	168
Food Stamp Benefits	NA	204	212	207
Births to Teens	67	74	61	67.4
Child Abuse & Neglect	12.4	10.9	8.8	NA
Child Death Rate	4	4.7	2.2	2.1
Teen Death Rate	9	4.7	8.8	8.4
Juvenile Arrest Rate	NA	169	193	198
Juvenile Commitment Rate	4.1	3.6	4.7	4.5
Out-of-Home Placement Rate	NA	5	5.4	5.6

Health Indicators (1989, 1990, 1991, 1992)
AFDC and Food Stamp Indicators (1990, 1992, 1993, 1994)
Arrest Indicator (1991, 1992, 1993)
Commitment Indicator (1989, 1990, 1992, 1993)
Out-of-Home Placement Indicator (1990, 1993, 1994)
Child Abuse Indicator (1990, 1991,1992) substantiated cases

21 Ways to Make Kids Count

Number 1: Listen to what children have to say.

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BERGEN COUNTY

COMPOSITE RANK # 4

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1992 . . . . . .$33,815
Population under 18 Years Old 168,368
Percent Non-White 18%
Percent Living with Single Parent 11%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level. 5%
Births in 1992 10,811

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				County Rate	Rank
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births					7.3%	23%				5.6%	5
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births					1.4%			57%		.6%	6
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births					8.3	24%				6.3	6
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children					127				77%	29	4
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children					155			74%		41	4
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)					39.7				76%	9.4	2
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)					2.6		36%			1.7	5
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)					5.8		36%			3.8	5
Juvenile Arrests '93 per 1,000 children (10-17)					110	19%				89	6
Juvenile Commitments '93 per 1,000 children (13-18)					2.1				83%	.4	6
Out-of-Home Placement '94 per 1,000 children					4		50%			2	1

BERGEN COUNTY
TRENDS IN CHILD WELL-BEING

Indicator	KIDS COUNT 1991 Book	KIDS COUNT 1992 Book	KIDS COUNT 1993 Book	KIDS COUNT 1994 Book
Low Birth Weight	5.1	5.6	5.5	5.6
No Prenatal Care	.6	.3	.3	.6
Infant Mortality Rate	5.1	6.3	6.6	6.3
AFDC Benefits	25	30	27	29
Food Stamp Benefits	NA	34	37	41
Births to Teens	11	9	10	9.4
Child Abuse & Neglect	4.3	4	3.9	NA
Child Death Rate	2	1.4	2	1.7
Teen Death Rate	5	3.8	5.1	3.8
Juvenile Arrest Rate	NA	98	100	89
Juvenile Commitment Rate	.1	.2	.2	.4
Out-of-Home Placement Rate	NA	1	2.8	2

Health Indicators (1989, 1990, 1991, 1992)
AFDC and Food Stamp Indicators (1990, 1992, 1993, 1994)
Arrest Indicator (1991, 1992, 1993)
Commitment Indicator (1989, 1990, 1992, 1993)
Out-of-Home Placement Indicator (1990, 1993, 1994)
Child Abuse Indicator (1990, 1991,1992) substantiated cases

21 Ways to Make Kids Count

Number 2: Show interest in your child's education.

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BURLINGTON COUNTY

COMPOSITE RANK # 7

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1992 . . . . . .$22,801
Population under 18 Years Old 98,236
Percent Non-White 21%
Percent Living with Single Parent 14%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level. 6%
Births in 1992 5,461

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				County Rate	Rank
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births					7.3%	10%				6.6%	11
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births					1.4%		43%			.8%	9
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births					8.3	16%				7	8
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children					127			56%		56	7
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children					155			53%		73	6
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)					39.7		26%			29.5	11
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)					2.6		44%			1.5	2
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)					5.8	11%				5.2	10
Juvenile Arrests '93 per 1,000 children (10-17)					110		36%			70	4
Juvenile Commitments '93 per 1,000 children (13-18)					2.1		49%			1.1	10
Out-of-Home Placement '94 per 1,000 children					4	6%				3.7	9

BURLINGTON COUNTY
TRENDS IN CHILD WELL-BEING

Indicator	KIDS COUNT 1991 Book	KIDS COUNT 1992 Book	KIDS COUNT 1993 Book	KIDS COUNT 1994 Book
Low Birth Weight	7.1	5.6	7.1	6.6
No Prenatal Care	.9	.8	1	.8
Infant Mortality Rate	8.6	6.4	7.8	7
AFDC Benefits	56	66	57	56
Food Stamp Benefits	NA	68	72	73
Births to Teens	33	30	31	29.5
Child Abuse & Neglect	6.6	7.1	6.5	NA
Child Death Rate	3	2.8	2.3	1.5
Teen Death Rate	6	3.9	4.2	5.2
Juvenile Arrest Rate	NA	78	76	70
Juvenile Commitment Rate	.4	.4	.9	1.1
Out-of-Home Placement Rate	NA	3	3	3.7

Health Indicators (1989, 1990, 1991, 1992)
AFDC and Food Stamp Indicators (1990, 1992, 1993, 1994)
Arrest Indicator (1991, 1992, 1993)
Commitment Indicator (1989, 1990, 1992, 1993)
Out-of-Home Placement Indicator (1990, 1993, 1994)
Child Abuse Indicator (1990, 1991,1992) substantiated cases

21 Ways to Make Kids Count

Number 3: Eat meals as a family.

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CAMDEN COUNTY

COMPOSITE RANK # 20

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1992 . . . . . .$21,748
Population under 18 Years Old 133,067
Percent Non-White 31%
Percent Living with Single Parent 24%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level. 16%
Births in 1992 8,330

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				County Rate	Rank
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births				14%	7.3%					8.3%	17
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births			43%		1.4%					2%	18
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births			43%		8.3					11.9	19
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children		61%			127					204	18
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children		53%			155					237	18
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)		59%			39.7					63.3	17
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)			32%		2.6					3.5	16
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)			38%		5.8					8.1	17
Juvenile Arrests '93 per 1,000 children (10-17)				2%	110					112	13
Juvenile Commitments '93 per 1,000 children (13-18)	188%				2.1					6	21
Out-of-Home Placement '94 per 1,000 children			48%		4					5.9	18

CAMDEN COUNTY
TRENDS IN CHILD WELL-BEING

Indicator	KIDS COUNT 1991 Book	KIDS COUNT 1992 Book	KIDS COUNT 1993 Book	KIDS COUNT 1994 Book
Low Birth Weight	8.2	7.4	7.9	8.3
No Prenatal Care	2.7	1.6	1.6	2
Infant Mortality Rate	10.8	10.2	11.6	11.9
AFDC Benefits	205	229	211	204
Food Stamp Benefits	NA	235	240	237
Births to Teens	65	64	61	63.3
Child Abuse & Neglect	12	12.3	12.1	NA
Child Death Rate	4	2.7	3.4	3.5
Teen Death Rate	7	10.1	6.8	8.1
Juvenile Arrest Rate	NA	104	99	112
Juvenile Commitment Rate	2.5	3.8	4.5	6
Out-of-Home Placement Rate	NA	5.7	7.4	5.9

Health Indicators (1989, 1990, 1991, 1992)
AFDC and Food Stamp Indicators (1990, 1992, 1993, 1994)
Arrest Indicator (1991, 1992, 1993)
Commitment Indicator (1989, 1990, 1992, 1993)
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Number 4: Treat appointments with your children as you would any other meeting.

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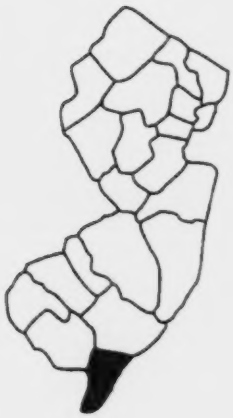
CAPE MAY COUNTY

COMPOSITE RANK # 13



County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1992 . . . . . .$22,708
Population under 18 Years Old 21,062
Percent Non-White 11%
Percent Living with Single Parent 20%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level. 12%
Births in 1992 1,362

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				County Rate	Rank
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births					7.3%	3%				7.1%	12
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births					1.4%		29%			1%	12
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births					8.3		39%			5.1	3
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children					127	12%				112	12
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children				4%	155					161	15
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)			37%		39.7					54.5	14
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)		53%			2.6					4	20
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)					5.8					5.8	14
Juvenile Arrests '93 per 1,000 children (10-17)		83%			110					201	20
Juvenile Commitments '93 per 1,000 children (13-18)					2.1			62%		.8	9
Out-of-Home Placement '94 per 1,000 children				20%	4					4.8	16

CAPE MAY COUNTY
TRENDS IN CHILD WELL-BEING

Indicator	KIDS COUNT 1991 Book	KIDS COUNT 1992 Book	KIDS COUNT 1993 Book	KIDS COUNT 1994 Book
Low Birth Weight	6.1	6.3	5.7	7.1
No Prenatal Care	.8	.8	1.1	1
Infant Mortality Rate	9.7	7.3	8.9	5.1
AFDC Benefits	96	129	111	112
Food Stamp Benefits	NA	138	148	161
Births to Teens	49	54	50	54.5
Child Abuse & Neglect	14.4	16	11.2	NA
Child Death Rate	2	5.3	5.3	4
Teen Death Rate	5	3.7	14.7	5.8
Juvenile Arrest Rate	NA	241	238	201
Juvenile Commitment Rate	.3	.6	1	.8
Out-of-Home Placement Rate	NA	5.4	6.8	4.8

Health Indicators (1989, 1990, 1991, 1992)
AFDC and Food Stamp Indicators (1990, 1992, 1993, 1994)
Arrest Indicator (1991, 1992, 1993)
Commitment Indicator (1989, 1990, 1992, 1993)
Out-of-Home Placement Indicator (1990, 1993, 1994)
Child Abuse Indicator (1990, 1991,1992) substantiated cases

21 Ways to Make Kids Count

Number 5: Offer to assist another family in need.

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CUMBERLAND COUNTY

COMPOSITE RANK # 19

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1992 . . . . . .$19,213
Population under 18 Years Old 35,949
Percent Non-White 35%
Percent Living with Single Parent 27%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level. 20%
Births in 1992 2,242

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				County Rate	Rank
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births				10%	7.3%					8%	15
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births			43%		1.4%					2%	18
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births				13%	8.3					9.4	17
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children		68%			127					214	19
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children	79%				155					278	19
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)	124%				39.7					89	21
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)				4%	2.6					2.8	14
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)					5.8	11%				5.2	10
Juvenile Arrests '93 per 1,000 children (10-17)	92%				110					211	21
Juvenile Commitments '93 per 1,000 children (13-18)				8%	2.1					2.3	16
Out-of-Home Placement '94 per 1,000 children	81%				4					7.2	19

CUMBERLAND COUNTY
TRENDS IN CHILD WELL-BEING

Indicator	KIDS COUNT 1991 Book	KIDS COUNT 1992 Book	KIDS COUNT 1993 Book	KIDS COUNT 1994 Book
Low Birth Weight	7.6	7	8.3	8
No Prenatal Care	2.1	1.8	1.3	2
Infant Mortality Rate	10.8	9	8.3	9.4
AFDC Benefits	220	286	222	214
Food Stamp Benefits	NA	269	271	278
Births to Teens	96	89	87	89
Child Abuse & Neglect	7.7	8.9	7.7	NA
Child Death Rate	3	3.9	2.5	2.8
Teen Death Rate	9	7.9	2	5.2
Juvenile Arrest Rate	NA	249	197	211
Juvenile Commitment Rate	1.8	2.4	1.7	2.3
Out-of-Home Placement Rate	NA	6.4	7.1	7.2

Health Indicators (1989, 1990, 1991, 1992)
AFDC and Food Stamp Indicators (1990, 1992, 1993, 1994)
Arrest Indicator (1991, 1992, 1993)
Commitment Indicator (1989, 1990, 1992, 1993)
Out-of-Home Placement Indicator (1990, 1993, 1994)
Child Abuse Indicator (1990, 1991,1992) substantiated cases

21 Ways to Make Kids Count

Number 6: Volunteer as a mentor, tutor or afterschool helper.

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ESSEX COUNTY

COMPOSITE RANK # 21

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1992 . . . . . .$26,206
Population under 18 Years Old 188,637
Percent Non-White 59%
Percent Living with Single Parent 31%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level. 22%
Births in 1992 13,585

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				County Rate	Rank
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births			47%		7.3%					10.7%	21
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births	236%				1.4%					4.7%	21
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births			46%		8.3					12.1	20
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children	145%				127					311	21
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children	143%				155					376	21
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)		66%			39.7					65.9	19
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)		51%			2.6					4	19
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)			42%		5.8					8.2	18
Juvenile Arrests '93 per 1,000 children (10-17)				19%	110					131	16
Juvenile Commitments '93 per 1,000 children (13-18)	107%				2.1					4.3	19
Out-of-Home Placement '94 per 1,000 children					4	14%				3.4	7

ESSEX COUNTY
TRENDS IN CHILD WELL-BEING

Indicator	KIDS COUNT 1991 Book	KIDS COUNT 1992 Book	KIDS COUNT 1993 Book	KIDS COUNT 1994 Book
Low Birth Weight	10.6	10.5	10.8	10.7
No Prenatal Care	5	4	4.6	4.7
Infant Mortality Rate	14.8	13.7	13.1	12.1
AFDC Benefits	311	327	314	311
Food Stamp Benefits	NA	361	369	376
Births to Teens	78	73	68	65.9
Child Abuse & Neglect	17.7	19.3	16.4	NA
Child Death Rate	4	4.6	4.5	4
Teen Death Rate	11	8.8	9.7	8.2
Juvenile Arrest Rate	NA	145	145	131
Juvenile Commitment Rate	2.2	3.6	4.1	4.3
Out-of-Home Placement Rate	NA	7.8	9.5	3.4

Health Indicators (1989, 1990, 1991, 1992)
AFDC and Food Stamp Indicators (1990, 1992, 1993, 1994)
Arrest Indicator (1991, 1992, 1993)
Commitment Indicator (1989, 1990, 1992, 1993)
Out-of-Home Placement Indicator (1990, 1993, 1994)
Child Abuse Indicator (1990, 1991,1992) substantiated cases

21 Ways to Make Kids Count

Number 7: Start a neighborhood watch project to keep children safe.

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GLOUCESTER COUNTY

COMPOSITE RANK # 9

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1992 . . . . . .$19,691
Population under 18 Years Old 61,538
Percent Non-White 12%
Percent Living with Single Parent 15%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level. 8%
Births in 1992 3,357

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				County Rate	Rank
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births					7.3%	19%				5.9%	7
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births					1.4%	14%				1.2%	14
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births					8.3	7%				7.7	11
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children					127		38%			79	11
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children					155		38%			96	10
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)					39.7		31%			27.2	8
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)					2.6	4%				2.5	11
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)			31%		5.8					7.7	16
Juvenile Arrests '93 per 1,000 children (10-17)					110	16%				93	8
Juvenile Commitments '93 per 1,000 children (13-18)					2.1				83%	.4	5
Out-of-Home Placement '94 per 1,000 children					4		38%			2.5	4

GLOUCESTER COUNTY
TRENDS IN CHILD WELL-BEING

Indicator	KIDS COUNT 1991 Book	KIDS COUNT 1992 Book	KIDS COUNT 1993 Book	KIDS COUNT 1994 Book
Low Birth Weight	6.3	6.3	6.6	5.9
No Prenatal Care	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2
Infant Mortality Rate	8.4	8.8	6.8	7.7
AFDC Benefits	74	90	78	79
Food Stamp Benefits	NA	92	94	96
Births to Teens	35	35	34	27.2
Child Abuse & Neglect	6.2	5.8	4.9	NA
Child Death Rate	4	3.7	2.6	2.5
Teen Death Rate	8	4.9	5.5	7.7
Juvenile Arrest Rate	NA	80	87	93
Juvenile Commitment Rate	.3	.6	.7	.4
Out-of-Home Placement Rate	NA	2.3	3.1	2.5

Health Indicators (1989, 1990, 1991, 1992)
AFDC and Food Stamp Indicators (1990, 1992, 1993, 1994)
Arrest Indicator (1991, 1992, 1993)
Commitment Indicator (1989, 1990, 1992, 1993)
Out-of-Home Placement Indicator (1990, 1993, 1994)
Child Abuse Indicator (1990, 1991,1992) substantiated cases

21 Ways to Make Kids Count

Number 8: Use this databook to identify problems in your community and mobilize citizens.

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HUDSON COUNTY
COMPOSITE RANK # 17

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1992 . . . . . .$21,359
Population under 18 Years Old 122,483
Percent Non-White 41%
Percent Living with Single Parent 30%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level. 24%
Births in 1992 9,577

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				County Rate	Rank
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births				14%	7.3%					8.3%	17
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births					1.4%		43%			.8%	9
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births				5%	8.3					8.7	15
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children	127%				127					288	20
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children	110%				155					326	20
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)			49%		39.7					59.2	16
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)		67%			2.6					4.4	21
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)		61%			5.8					9.4	20
Juvenile Arrests '93 per 1,000 children (10-17)				1%	110					111	14
Juvenile Commitments '93 per 1,000 children (13-18)					2.1	17%				1.8	13
Out-of-Home Placement '94 per 1,000 children					4	11%				3.5	8

HUDSON COUNTY
TRENDS IN CHILD WELL-BEING

Indicator	KIDS COUNT 1991 Book	KIDS COUNT 1992 Book	KIDS COUNT 1993 Book	KIDS COUNT 1994 Book
Low Birth Weight	9.4	8.2	8.7	8.3
No Prenatal Care	1.6	.8	.6	.8
Infant Mortality Rate	8.9	11.1	9.7	8.7
AFDC Benefits	259	290	289	288
Food Stamp Benefits	NA	307	320	326
Births to Teens	64	60	63	59.2
Child Abuse & Neglect	11.3	13	11.4	NA
Child Death Rate	4	3.3	3.1	4.4
Teen Death Rate	7	5.9	5.3	9.4
Juvenile Arrest Rate	NA	129	118	111
Juvenile Commitment Rate	1.1	1.1	1.9	1.8
Out-of-Home Placement Rate	NA	4.1	5	3.5

Health Indicators (1989, 1990, 1991, 1992)
AFDC and Food Stamp Indicators (1990, 1992, 1993, 1994)
Arrest Indicator (1991, 1992, 1993)
Commitment Indicator (1989, 1990, 1992, 1993)
Out-of-Home Placement Indicator (1990, 1993, 1994)
Child Abuse Indicator (1990, 1991,1992) substantiated cases

21 Ways to Make Kids Count

Number 9: Volunteer in the pediatric center at a local hospital

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HUNTERDON COUNTY

COMPOSITE RANK # 1

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1992 . . . . . .$30,139
Population under 18 Years Old 25,941
Percent Non-White 3%
Percent Living with Single Parent 8%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level. 3%
Births in 1992 1,512

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				County Rate	Rank
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births					7.3%		29%			5.2%	1
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births					1.4%				93%	.1%	1
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births					8.3			52%		4	2
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children					127				88%	15	1
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children					155				86%	22	1
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)					39.7				81%	7.5	1
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)				25%	2.6					3.3	15
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)					5.8	18%				4.8	9
Juvenile Arrests '93 per 1,000 children (10-17)					110			68%		35	1
Juvenile Commitments '93 per 1,000 children (13-18)					2.1				94%	.1	1
Out-of-Home Placement '94 per 1,000 children					4		30%			2.8	6

HUNTERDON COUNTY
TRENDS IN CHILD WELL-BEING

Indicator	KIDS COUNT 1991 Book	KIDS COUNT 1992 Book	KIDS COUNT 1993 Book	KIDS COUNT 1994 Book
Low Birth Weight	5	5.1	4.6	5.2
No Prenatal Care	.2	.1	.2	.1
Infant Mortality Rate	4.6	6	4.7	4
AFDC Benefits	13	16	16	15
Food Stamp Benefits	NA	20	22	22
Births to Teens	13	11	11	7.5
Child Abuse & Neglect	4	4.9	2.6	NA
Child Death Rate	2	1	2.4	3.3
Teen Death Rate	12	10.6	4.6	4.8
Juvenile Arrest Rate	NA	55	50	35
Juvenile Commitment Rate	.6	0	.1	.1
Out-of-Home Placement Rate	NA	1.5	1.2	2.8

Health Indicators (1989, 1990, 1991, 1992)
AFDC and Food Stamp Indicators (1990, 1992, 1993, 1994)
Arrest Indicator (1991, 1992, 1993)
Commitment Indicator (1989, 1990, 1992, 1993)
Out-of-Home Placement Indicator (1990, 1993, 1994)
Child Abuse Indicator (1990, 1991,1992) substantiated cases

21 Ways to Make Kids Count

Number 10: Talk to local business groups about investing in children.

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MERCER COUNTY

COMPOSITE RANK # 14

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1992 . . . . . .$28,443
Population under 18 Years Old 73,346
Percent Non-White 33%
Percent Living with Single Parent 21%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level. 11%
Births in 1992 4,937

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				County Rate	Rank
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births				8%	7.3%					7.9%	13
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births					1.4%	21%				1.1%	13
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births				14%	8.3					9.5	18
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children				6%	127					135	15
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children					155	2%				152	13
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)				20%	39.7					47.6	13
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)				2%	2.6					2.7	13
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)					5.8		46%			3.1	3
Juvenile Arrests '93 per 1,000 children (10-17)			45%		110					160	18
Juvenile Commitments '93 per 1,000 children (13-18)					2.1					2.1	15
Out-of-Home Placement '94 per 1,000 children	105%				4					8.2	21

MERCER COUNTY
TRENDS IN CHILD WELL-BEING

Indicator	KIDS COUNT 1991 Book	KIDS COUNT 1992 Book	KIDS COUNT 1993 Book	KIDS COUNT 1994 Book
Low Birth Weight	8.9	7.8	7.9	7.9
No Prenatal Care	1.4	.9	1.1	1.1
Infant Mortality Rate	13.4	10.9	10	9.5
AFDC Benefits	133	163	136	135
Food Stamp Benefits	NA	143	150	152
Births to Teens	50	48	49	47.6
Child Abuse & Neglect	10.7	10.9	7.4	NA
Child Death Rate	3	2.4	1.6	2.7
Teen Death Rate	6	4.7	6.9	3.1
Juvenile Arrest Rate	NA	149	163	160
Juvenile Commitment Rate	1.2	1.1	.5	2.1
Out-of-Home Placement Rate	NA	6.2	7.2	8.2

Health Indicators (1989, 1990, 1991, 1992)
AFDC and Food Stamp Indicators (1990, 1992, 1993, 1994)
Arrest Indicator (1991, 1992, 1993)
Commitment Indicator (1989, 1990, 1992, 1993)
Out-of-Home Placement Indicator (1990, 1993, 1994)
Child Abuse Indicator (1990, 1991,1992) substantiated cases

21 Ways to Make Kids Count

Number 11: Encourage your employer to sponsor children's programs.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

COMPOSITE RANK # 8

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1992 . . . . . .$25,369
Population under 18 Years Old 144,631
Percent Non-White 24%
Percent Living with Single Parent 14%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level. 6%
Births in 1992 10,357

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				County Rate	Rank
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births					7.3%	11%				6.5%	10
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births					1.4%			57%		.6%	6
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births					8.3	7%				7.7	11
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children					127		41%			75	10
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children					155		42%			90	9
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)					39.7		37%			25.2	6
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)					2.6		29%			1.9	6
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)					5.8		45%			3.2	4
Juvenile Arrests '93 per 1,000 children (10-17)					110	17%				91	7
Juvenile Commitments '93 per 1,000 children (13-18)					2.1	24%				1.6	12
Out-of-Home Placement '94 per 1,000 children					4		31%			2.8	5

MIDDLESEX COUNTY
TRENDS IN CHILD WELL-BEING

Indicator	KIDS COUNT 1991 Book	KIDS COUNT 1992 Book	KIDS COUNT 1993 Book	KIDS COUNT 1994 Book
Low Birth Weight	6.6	6.4	7.1	6.5
No Prenatal Care	.8	.4	.6	.6
Infant Mortality Rate	8	8.4	7.3	7.7
AFDC Benefits	59	70	73	75
Food Stamp Benefits	NA	80	87	90
Births to Teens	25	25	25	25.2
Child Abuse & Neglect	7	6.5	5.8	NA
Child Death Rate	2	1.6	2.8	1.9
Teen Death Rate	5	3.3	3.3	3.2
Juvenile Arrest Rate	NA	93	94	91
Juvenile Commitment Rate	.9	.7	.7	1.6
Out-of-Home Placement Rate	NA	2	2.5	2.8

Health Indicators (1989, 1990, 1991, 1992)
AFDC and Food Stamp Indicators (1990, 1992, 1993, 1994)
Arrest Indicator (1991, 1992, 1993)
Commitment Indicator (1989, 1990, 1992, 1993)
Out-of-Home Placement Indicator (1990, 1993, 1994)
Child Abuse Indicator (1990, 1991,1992) substantiated cases

21 Ways to Make Kids Count

Number 12: Encourage your employer to provide a structure for community volunteers.

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MONMOUTH COUNTY

COMPOSITE RANK # 10

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1992 . . . . . .$27,226
Population under 18 Years Old 134,814
Percent Non-White 16%
Percent Living with Single Parent 13%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level. 6%
Births in 1992 8,179

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				County Rate	Rank
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births					7.3%	19%				5.9%	7
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births					1.4%		36%			.9%	11
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births					8.3	13%				7.2	9
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children					127		50%			64	8
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children					155		45%			85	8
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)					39.7		28%			28.6	10
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)					2.8					2.6	12
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)					5.8	11%				5.2	10
Juvenile Arrests '93 per 1,000 children (10-17)					110	4%				105	12
Juvenile Commitments '93 per 1,000 children (13-18)					2.1		29%			1.5	11
Out-of-Home Placement '94 per 1,000 children				14%	4					4.6	14

MONMOUTH COUNTY
TRENDS IN CHILD WELL-BEING

Indicator	KIDS COUNT 1991 Book	KIDS COUNT 1992 Book	KIDS COUNT 1993 Book	KIDS COUNT 1994 Book
Low Birth Weight	6.2	5.8	6.9	5.9
No Prenatal Care	1.1	.7	1	.9
Infant Mortality Rate	8.1	8.2	7	7.2
AFDC Benefits	67	79	67	64
Food Stamp Benefits	NA	80	86	85
Births to Teens	29	29	28	28.6
Child Abuse & Neglect	7.3	8.2	6.3	NA
Child Death Rate	3	2.5	2.3	2.6
Teen Death Rate	5	5	3.9	5.2
Juvenile Arrest Rate	NA	110	105	105
Juvenile Commitment Rate	2	1.2	1.2	1.5
Out-of-Home Placement Rate	NA	3.9	4.7	4.6

Health Indicators (1989, 1990, 1991, 1992)
AFDC and Food Stamp Indicators (1990, 1992, 1993, 1994)
Arrest Indicator (1991, 1992, 1993)
Commitment Indicator (1989, 1990, 1992, 1993)
Out-of-Home Placement Indicator (1990, 1993, 1994)
Child Abuse Indicator (1990, 1991,1992) substantiated cases

21 Ways to Make Kids Count

Number 13: VOTE in all elections.

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MORRIS COUNTY

COMPOSITE RANK # 2

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1992 . . . . . .$33,616
Population under 18 Years Old 96,291
Percent Non-White 10%
Percent Living with Single Parent 10%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level. 3%
Births in 1992 5,983

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				County Rate	Rank
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births					7.3%	25%				5.5%	3
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births					1.4%				86%	.2%	2
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births					8.3	22%				6.5	7
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children					127				85%	19	2
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children					155				83%	27	2
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)					39.7			72%		11	3
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)					2.6		26%			2	7
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)					5.8		28%			4.2	6
Juvenile Arrests '93 per 1,000 children (10-17)					110		41%			65	3
Juvenile Commitments '93 per 1,000 children (13-18)					2.1				90%	.2	3
Out-of-Home Placement '94 per 1,000 children					4		44%			2.2	2

MORRIS COUNTY
TRENDS IN CHILD WELL-BEING

Indicator	KIDS COUNT 1991 Book	KIDS COUNT 1992 Book	KIDS COUNT 1993 Book	KIDS COUNT 1994 Book
Low Birth Weight	5.1	5.7	5.2	5.5
No Prenatal Care	.3	.3	.2	.2
Infant Mortality Rate	6.4	5.4	7	6.5
AFDC Benefits	16	20	18	19
Food Stamp Benefits	NA	24	26	27
Births to Teens	9	11	10	11
Child Abuse & Neglect	4.5	4.3	3.3	NA
Child Death Rate	3	2	1.1	2
Teen Death Rate	6	3.2	4	4.2
Juvenile Arrest Rate	NA	68	67	65
Juvenile Commitment Rate	.1	.1	.1	.2
Out-of-Home Placement Rate	NA	1.3	1.5	2.2

Health Indicators (1989, 1990, 1991, 1992)
AFDC and Food Stamp Indicators (1990, 1992, 1993, 1994)
Arrest Indicator (1991, 1992, 1993)
Commitment Indicator (1989, 1990, 1992, 1993)
Out-of-Home Placement Indicator (1990, 1993, 1994)
Child Abuse Indicator (1990, 1991,1992) substantiated cases

21 Ways to Make Kids Count

Number 14: Invite your legislators to visit children's programs in your community.

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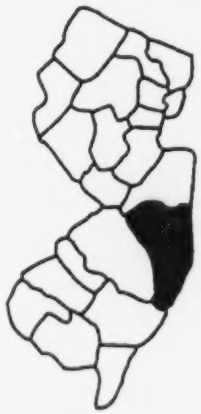
OCEAN COUNTY

COMPOSITE RANK # 6



County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1992 . . . . . .$21,976
Population under 18 Years Old 98,165
Percent Non-White 9%
Percent Living with Single Parent 14%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level. 9%
Births in 1992 6,077

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				County Rate	Rank
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births					7.3%	25%				5.5%	3
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births					1.4%			57%		.6%	6
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births					8.3		33%			5.6	5
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children					127		43%			72	9
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children					155		30%			109	11
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)					39.7		30%			27.8	9
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)					2.6	20%				2.1	8
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)					5.8					5.8	13
Juvenile Arrests '93 per 1,000 children (10-17)				9%	110					120	15
Juvenile Commitments '93 per 1,000 children (13-18)					2.1			74%		.6	7
Out-of-Home Placement '94 per 1,000 children					4		42%			2.3	3

OCEAN COUNTY
TRENDS IN CHILD WELL-BEING

Indicator	KIDS COUNT 1991 Book	KIDS COUNT 1992 Book	KIDS COUNT 1993 Book	KIDS COUNT 1994 Book
Low Birth Weight	5.3	5.1	5.4	5.5
No Prenatal Care	.6	.5	.6	.6
Infant Mortality Rate	8.1	5.7	8.1	5.6
AFDC Benefits	58	72	73	72
Food Stamp Benefits	NA	102	105	109
Births to Teens	30	29	31	27.8
Child Abuse & Neglect	11.5	10.8	8.8	NA
Child Death Rate	2	2.1	1.7	2.1
Teen Death Rate	9	8.6	5.9	5.8
Juvenile Arrest Rate	NA	102	130	120
Juvenile Commitment Rate	.7	.6	.5	.6
Out-of-Home Placement Rate	NA	2.4	2.8	2.3

Health Indicators (1989, 1990, 1991, 1992)
AFDC and Food Stamp Indicators (1990, 1992, 1993, 1994)
Arrest Indicator (1991, 1992, 1993)
Commitment Indicator (1989, 1990, 1992, 1993)
Out-of-Home Placement Indicator (1990, 1993, 1994)
Child Abuse Indicator (1990, 1991,1992) substantiated cases

21 Ways to Make Kids Count

Number 15: Ask your local officials and legislators what they are doing for children.

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PASSAIC COUNTY

COMPOSITE RANK # 15

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1992 . . . . . .$22,196
Population under 18 Years Old 108,743
Percent Non-White 37%
Percent Living with Single Parent 23%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level. 16%
Births in 1992 8,106

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				County Rate	Rank
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births				14%	7.3%					8.3%	17
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births			50%		1.4%					2.1%	20
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births				1%	8.3					8.4	13
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children				11%	127					140	16
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children				19%	155					184	16
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)			43%		39.7					56.8	15
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)			43%		2.6					3.8	18
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)				18%	5.8					6.9	15
Juvenile Arrests '93 per 1,000 children (10-17)					110	11%				98	10
Juvenile Commitments '93 per 1,000 children (13-18)	87%				2.1					3.9	18
Out-of-Home Placement '94 per 1,000 children				8%	4					4.3	13

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PASSAIC COUNTY
TRENDS IN CHILD WELL-BEING

Indicator	KIDS COUNT 1991 Book	KIDS COUNT 1992 Book	KIDS COUNT 1993 Book	KIDS COUNT 1994 Book
Low Birth Weight	8.1	7.3	8.4	8.3
No Prenatal Care	1.7	1.7	1.7	2.1
Infant Mortality Rate	9	9.5	9.9	8.4
AFDC Benefits	130	143	141	140
Food Stamp Benefits	NA	159	177	184
Births to Teens	64	60	58	56.8
Child Abuse & Neglect	10.1	10.7	10.4	NA
Child Death Rate	4	2.6	1.5	3.8
Teen Death Rate	6	4.5	6	6.9
Juvenile Arrest Rate	NA	136	110	98
Juvenile Commitment Rate	3.8	5.2	4.1	3.9
Out-of-Home Placement Rate	NA	2.6	3.8	4.3

Health Indicators (1989, 1990, 1991, 1992)
AFDC and Food Stamp Indicators (1990, 1992, 1993, 1994)
Arrest Indicator (1991, 1992, 1993)
Commitment Indicator (1989, 1990, 1992, 1993)
Out-of-Home Placement Indicator (1990, 1993, 1994)
Child Abuse Indicator (1990, 1991,1992) substantiated cases

21 Ways to Make Kids Count

Number 16: Raise funds for a community playground.

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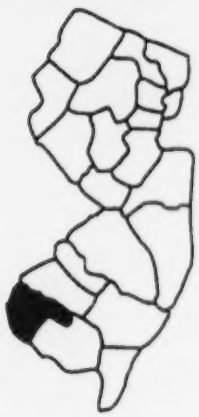
SALEM COUNTY

COMPOSITE RANK # 16



County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1992 . . . . . .$21,000
Population under 18 Years Old 16,737
Percent Non-White 21%
Percent Living with Single Parent 21%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level. 16%
Births in 1992 916

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				County Rate	Rank
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births				15%	7.3%					8.4%	20
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births				21%	1.4%					1.7%	17
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births	84%				8.3					15.3	21
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children					127	4%				122	13
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children				2%	155					158	14
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)		61%			39.7					63.8	18
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)			40%		2.6					3.7	17
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)					5.8			61%		2.3	1
Juvenile Arrests '93 per 1,000 children (10-17)					110	12%				97	9
Juvenile Commitments '93 per 1,000 children (13-18)					2.1			66%		.7	8
Out-of-Home Placement '94 per 1,000 children	82%				4					7.3	20

SALEM COUNTY
TRENDS IN CHILD WELL-BEING

Indicator	KIDS COUNT 1991 Book	KIDS COUNT 1992 Book	KIDS COUNT 1993 Book	KIDS COUNT 1994 Book
Low Birth Weight	6.8	7.9	8.4	8.4
No Prenatal Care	.8	1	1.8	1.7
Infant Mortality Rate	12.2	14.5	3.1	15.3
AFDC Benefits	144	172	134	122
Food Stamp Benefits	NA	157	166	158
Births to Teens	57	56	60	63.8
Child Abuse & Neglect	15.4	14	13.8	NA
Child Death Rate	3	0	2.3	3.7
Teen Death Rate	15	8.5	6.4	2.3
Juvenile Arrest Rate	NA	102	97	97
Juvenile Commitment Rate	.8	1.1	1.1	.7
Out-of-Home Placement Rate	NA	6.6	6.9	7.3

Health Indicators (1989, 1990, 1991, 1992)
AFDC and Food Stamp Indicators (1990, 1992, 1993, 1994)
Arrest Indicator (1991, 1992, 1993)
Commitment Indicator (1989, 1990, 1992, 1993)
Out-of-Home Placement Indicator (1990, 1993, 1994)
Child Abuse Indicator (1990, 1991,1992) substantiated cases

21 Ways to Make Kids Count

Number 17: Ask children for their opinions and thoughts.

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SOMERSET COUNTY

COMPOSITE RANK # 5

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1992 . . . . . $34,580
Population under 18 Years Old 52,889
Percent Non-White. 16%
Percent Living with Single Parent 11%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level 3%
Births in 1992. 4,134

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				County Rate	Rank
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births					7.3%		29%			5.2%	1
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births					1.4%				79%	.3%	3
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births					8.3			53%		3.9	1
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children					127			73%		35	5
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children					155			69%		48	5
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)					39.7			52%		19.2	5
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)					2.6		39%			1.6	4
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)					5.8	21%				4.6	7
Juvenile Arrests '93 per 1,000 children (10-17)					110	5%				104	11
Juvenile Commitments '93 per 1,000 children (13-18)					2.1	10%				1.9	14
Out-of-Home Placement '94 per 1,000 children				4%	4					4.2	12

SOMERSET COUNTY
TRENDS IN CHILD WELL-BEING

Indicator	KIDS COUNT 1991 Book	KIDS COUNT 1992 Book	KIDS COUNT 1993 Book	KIDS COUNT 1994 Book
Low Birth Weight	5.1	5.6	5.1	5.2
No Prenatal Care	.5	.1	.2	.3
Infant Mortality Rate	6.3	6.3	6.7	3.9
AFDC Benefits	24	32	34	35
Food Stamp Benefits	NA	40	46	48
Births to Teens	20	15	15	19.2
Child Abuse & Neglect	5.6	5.5	4.3	NA
Child Death Rate	1	1.7	1.5	1.6
Teen Death Rate	6	9.6	5.9	4.6
Juvenile Arrest Rate	NA	126	125	104
Juvenile Commitment Rate	1.1	1.4	1.3	1.9
Out-of-Home Placement Rate	NA	1.7	1.7	4.2

Health Indicators (1989, 1990, 1991, 1992)
AFDC and Food Stamp Indicators (1990, 1992, 1993, 1994)
Arrest Indicator (1991, 1992, 1993)
Commitment Indicator (1989, 1990, 1992, 1993)
Out-of-Home Placement Indicator (1990, 1993, 1994)
Child Abuse Indicator (1990, 1991,1992) substantiated cases

21 Ways to Make Kids Count

Number 18: Contribute financially to children's programs in your community.

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SUSSEX COUNTY

COMPOSITE RANK # 3

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1992 . . . . . .$22,581
Population under 18 Years Old 36,386
Percent Non-White 2%
Percent Living with Single Parent 10%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level. 4%
Births in 1992 2,080

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				County Rate	Rank
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births					7.3%	23%				5.6%	5
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births					1.4%				79%	.3%	3
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births					8.3	13%				7.2	9
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children					127				81%	24	3
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children					155			75%		38	3
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)					39.7			59%		16.1	4
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)					2.6			78%		.7	1
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)					5.8	18%				4.8	8
Juvenile Arrests '93 per 1,000 children (10-17)					110			56%		49	2
Juvenile Commitments '93 per 1,000 children (13-18)					2.1				87%	.3	4
Out-of-Home Placement '94 per 1,000 children					4	2%				3.9	11

SUSSEX COUNTY
TRENDS IN CHILD WELL-BEING

Indicator	KIDS COUNT 1991 Book	KIDS COUNT 1992 Book	KIDS COUNT 1993 Book	KIDS COUNT 1994 Book
Low Birth Weight	5	5.8	5.3	5.6
No Prenatal Care	.2	.3	.1	.3
Infant Mortality Rate	4.3	7	7.4	7.2
AFDC Benefits	24	34	26	24
Food Stamp Benefits	NA	39	38	38
Births to Teens	16	18	18	16.1
Child Abuse & Neglect	10.7	9.2	7.6	NA
Child Death Rate	1	1	1	.7
Teen Death Rate	8	3.4	5.6	4.8
Juvenile Arrest Rate	NA	45	50	49
Juvenile Commitment Rate	.1	.2	.2	.3
Out-of-Home Placement Rate	NA	2.1	2.3	3.9

Health Indicators (1989, 1990, 1991, 1992)
AFDC and Food Stamp Indicators (1990, 1992, 1993, 1994)
Arrest Indicator (1991, 1992, 1993)
Commitment Indicator (1989, 1990, 1992, 1993)
Out-of-Home Placement Indicator (1990, 1993, 1994)
Child Abuse Indicator (1990, 1991,1992) substantiated cases

21 Ways to Make Kids Count

Number 19: Encourage your church to provide child care for low-income children.

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UNION COUNTY

COMPOSITE RANK # 12

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1992 . . . . . .$27,910
Population under 18 Years Old 108,088
Percent Non-White 34%
Percent Living with Single Parent 19%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level. 11%
Births in 1992 7,700

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				County Rate	Rank
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births				10%	7.3%					8%	15
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births				14%	1.4%					1.6%	16
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births				6%	8.3					8.8	16
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children					127	2%				124	14
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children					155	9%				140	12
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)				3%	39.7					40.9	12
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)					2.6		39%			1.6	3
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)					5.8			52%		2.8	2
Juvenile Arrests '93 per 1,000 children (10-17)				24%	110					136	17
Juvenile Commitments '93 per 1,000 children (13-18)				8%	2.1					2.3	16
Out-of-Home Placement '94 per 1,000 children					4	4%				3.8	10

UNION COUNTY
TRENDS IN CHILD WELL-BEING

Indicator	KIDS COUNT 1991 Book	KIDS COUNT 1992 Book	KIDS COUNT 1993 Book	KIDS COUNT 1994 Book
Low Birth Weight	7.3	7.6	8	8
No Prenatal Care	1.1	1	1.3	1.6
Infant Mortality Rate	8.4	6.7	6.8	8.8
AFDC Benefits	108	125	124	124
Food Stamp Benefits	NA	128	135	140
Births to Teens	40	42	41	40.9
Child Abuse & Neglect	8.2	7.9	7.6	NA
Child Death Rate	3	3.2	1.9	1.6
Teen Death Rate	4	6.7	5	2.8
Juvenile Arrest Rate	NA	146	144	136
Juvenile Commitment Rate	1.4	1.8	2.2	2.3
Out-of-Home Placement Rate	NA	4.2	5.3	3.8

Health Indicators (1989, 1990, 1991, 1992)
AFDC and Food Stamp Indicators (1990, 1992, 1993, 1994)
Arrest Indicator (1991, 1992, 1993)
Commitment Indicator (1989, 1990, 1992, 1993)
Out-of-Home Placement Indicator (1990, 1993, 1994)
Child Abuse Indicator (1990, 1991,1992) substantiated cases

21 Ways to Make Kids Count

Number 20: Establish a parent network for latch-key children in your community.

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WARREN COUNTY

COMPOSITE RANK # 11

County Facts

Per Capita Personal Income 1992 . . . . . .$21,927
Population under 18 Years Old 22,655
Percent Non-White 3%
Percent Living with Single Parent 14%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level. 7%
Births in 1992 1,373

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				County Rate	Rank
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births					7.3%	15%				6.2%	9
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births					1.4%			64%		.5%	5
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births					8.3		39%			5.1	3
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children					127			60%		51	6
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children					155		49%			80	7
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)					39.7		36%			25.5	7
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)					2.6	19%				2.2	10
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)	182%				5.8					16.4	21
Juvenile Arrests '93 per 1,000 children (10-17)					110		26%			81	5
Juvenile Commitments '93 per 1,000 children (13-18)					2.1				93%	.1	2
Out-of-Home Placement '94 per 1,000 children				18%	4					4.7	15

WARREN COUNTY
TRENDS IN CHILD WELL-BEING

Indicator	KIDS COUNT 1991 Book	KIDS COUNT 1992 Book	KIDS COUNT 1993 Book	KIDS COUNT 1994 Book
Low Birth Weight	5.2	5.1	6	6.2
No Prenatal Care	.3	.1	.5	.5
Infant Mortality Rate	7.2	5.4	7.1	5.1
AFDC Benefits	55	62	56	51
Food Stamp Benefits	NA	81	87	80
Births to Teens	36	33	31	25.5
Child Abuse & Neglect	9.5	10	7.7	NA
Child Death Rate	4	1.7	3.9	2.2
Teen Death Rate	7	5.2	5.2	16.4
Juvenile Arrest Rate	NA	81	78	81
Juvenile Commitment Rate	.4	.6	.3	.1
Out-of-Home Placement Rate	NA	3.1	3.4	4.7

Health Indicators (1989, 1990, 1991, 1992)
AFDC and Food Stamp Indicators (1990, 1992, 1993, 1994)
Arrest Indicator (1991, 1992, 1993)
Commitment Indicator (1989, 1990, 1992, 1993)
Out-of-Home Placement Indicator (1990, 1993, 1994)
Child Abuse Indicator (1990, 1991,1992) substantiated cases

21 Ways to Make Kids Count

Number 21: Publish Kids Count New Jersey facts in your community newsletters.

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ASBURY PARK

MONMOUTH COUNTY

City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old 4,458
Percent Non-White 85%
Percent Living with Single Parent. 58%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level 42%
Births in 1992. 385

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				City Rate
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births		75%			7.3%					12.8%
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births	279%				1.4%					5.3%
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births		57%			8.3					13
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children	308%				127					519
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children	321%				155					652
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)	326%				39.7					169
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)	106%				2.6					5.5
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)	251%				5.8					20.5

Joy

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ATLANTIC CITY

ATLANTIC COUNTY

City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old 8,519
Percent Non-White 82%
Percent Living with Single Parent. 53%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level 40%
Births in 1992. 1,069

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				City Rate
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births			45%		7.3%					10.6%
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births	171%				1.4%					3.8%
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births		69%			8.3					14
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children	317%				127					529
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children	308%				155					632
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)	387%				39.7					194
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)	116%				2.6					5.7
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)	129%				5.8					13.4

The difference between a politician and a statesman is:
a politician thinks of the next election and a
statesman thinks of the next generation.
James Freeman Clarke

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BAYONNE

HUDSON COUNTY

City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old 12,029
Percent Non-White 14%
Percent Living with Single Parent. 22%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level 13%
Births in 1992. 710

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				City Rate
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births					7.3%	12%				6.4%
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births					1.4%				100%	0%
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births					8.3			66%		2.8
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children				3%	127					131
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children				2%	155					158
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)					39.7		30%			28
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)	95%				2.6					5.1
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)				4%	5.8					6.1

Polly

CAMDEN CITY

CAMDEN COUNTY

City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old 31,154
Percent Non-White 89%
Percent Living with Single Parent. 53%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level 50%
Births in 1992. 2,447

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				City Rate
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births	93%				7.3%					14.1%
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births	271%				1.4%					5.2%
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births	181%				8.3					23.3
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children	391%				127					624
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children	356%				155					707
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)	339%				39.7					174
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)	207%				2.6					8.1
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)	181%				5.8					16.4

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.
Aesop

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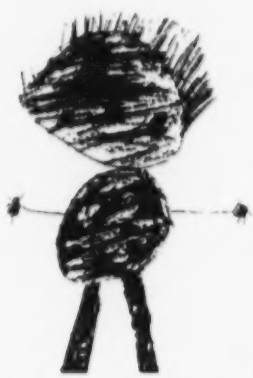
CLIFTON

PASSAIC COUNTY

City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old 12,757
Percent Non-White 11%
Percent Living with Single Parent. 13%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level 7%
Births in 1992. 890

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				City Rate
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births					7.3%	8%				6.7%
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births					1.4%			64%		.5%
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births					8.3			59%		3.4
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children					127			75%		31
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children					155			70%		46
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)					39.7		49%			20
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)					2.6			64%		1
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)					5.8			52%		2.8



Andrew

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DOVER TOWNSHIP

OCEAN COUNTY

City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old 18,706
Percent Non-White 9%
Percent Living with Single Parent. 13%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level 6%
Births in 1992. 1,022

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				City Rate
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births					7.3%	10%				6.6%
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births					1.4%			71%		.4%
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births					8.3			53%		3.9
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children					127			62%		48
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children					155			54%		72
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)					39.7			54%		18
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)					2.6		50%			1.3
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)			30%		5.8					7.6

A business that makes nothing but money is a poor kind of business.
Henry Ford

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EAST ORANGE

ESSEX COUNTY

City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old 18,917
Percent Non-White 97%
Percent Living with Single Parent. 42%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level 26%
Births in 1992. 1,456

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				City Rate
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births	97%				7.3%					14.4%
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births	393%				1.4%					6.9%
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births	123%				8.3					18.5
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children	231%				127					421
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children	230%				155					511
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)	119%				39.7					87
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)	123%				2.6					5.9
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)			40%		5.8					8.2

Joe

ELIZABETH

UNION COUNTY

City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old 27,079
Percent Non-White 43%
Percent Living with Single Parent. 30%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level 25%
Births in 1992. 2,224

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				City Rate
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births			27%		7.3%					9.3%
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births		57%			1.4%					2.2%
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births			35%		8.3					11.2
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children	108%				127					265
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children	96%				155					304
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)	117%				39.7					86
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)					2.6		31%			1.8
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)				22%	5.8					7.2

The impossible is often the untried.
Jim Goodwin

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IRVINGTON

ESSEX COUNTY

City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old 16,062
Percent Non-White 89%
Percent Living with Single Parent. 37%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level 18%
Births in 1992. 1,238

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				City Rate
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births	88%				7.3%					13.7%
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births	221%				1.4%					4.5%
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births		55%			8.3					12.9
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children	169%				127					341
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children	173%				155					423
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)	112%				39.7					84
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)	76%				2.6					4.7
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)				21%	5.8					7.1

Emily

JERSEY CITY

HUDSON COUNTY

City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old 56,150
Percent Non-White 64%
Percent Living with Single Parent. 36%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level 30%
Births in 1992. 4,453

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				City Rate
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births		55%			7.3%					11.3%
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births					1.4%		50%			.7%
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births			43%		8.3					11.9
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children	199%				127					380
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children	175%				155					426
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)	105%				39.7					81
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)	143%				2.6					6.4
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)	103%				5.8					11.8

A journey of a thousand miles
must begin with a single step.
Lao-Tzu

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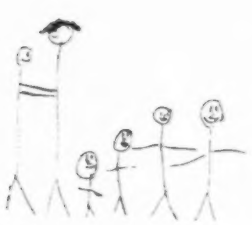
NEWARK

ESSEX COUNTY

City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old 78,493
Percent Non-White 78%
Percent Living with Single Parent. 44%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level 37%
Births in 1992. 5,843

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				City Rate
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births		74%			7.3%					12.7%
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births	371%				1.4%					6.6%
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births	88%				8.3					15.6
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children	300%				127					508
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children	291%				155					606
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)	169%				39.7					107
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)		62%			2.6					4.3
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)	133%				5.8					13.6



Andrew

NEW BRUNSWICK

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old 7,093
Percent Non-White 32%
Percent Living with Single Parent. 38%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level 26%
Births in 1992. 832

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				City Rate
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births				25%	7.3%					9.1%
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births					1.4%	14%				1.2%
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births	102%				8.3					16.8
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children	213%				127					397
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children	195%				155					458
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)					39.7					**
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)					2.6		33%			1.8
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)					5.8	3%				5.7

Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up.
Pablo Picasso

**The obtained fertility rate in New Brunswick is misleadingly low because available population estimates include many university students. At the same time, teen births attributed to New Brunswick are mostly for full-time residents. (NJ DOH)

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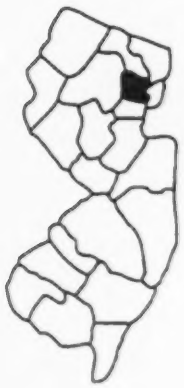
ORANGE

ESSEX COUNTY



City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old 7,157
Percent Non-White 88%
Percent Living with Single Parent. 36%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level 27%
Births in 1992. 617

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				City Rate
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births				36%	7.3%					9.9%
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births	607%				1.4%					9.9%
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births	76%				8.3					14.6
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children	177%				127					352
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children	183%				155					438
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)	102%				39.7					80
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)	292%				2.6					10.3
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)					5.8	12%				5.2

Matthew

PASSAIC CITY

PASSAIC COUNTY

City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old 15,832
Percent Non-White 63%
Percent Living with Single Parent. 31%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level 24%
Births in 1992. 1,493

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				City Rate
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births				23%	7.3%					9%
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births		71%			1.4%					2.4%
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births				13%	8.3					9.4
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children	76%				127					223
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children	92%				155					298
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)	153%				39.7					100
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)			49%		2.6					3.9
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)					5.8			61%		2.3

You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.
Kahlil Gibran

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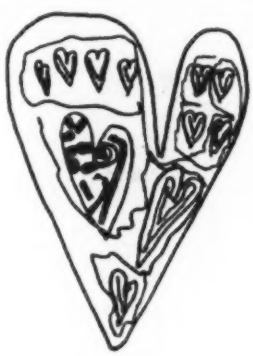
PATERSON

PASSAIC COUNTY

City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old 40,795
Percent Non-White 66%
Percent Living with Single Parent. 35%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level 27%
Births in 1992. 3,258

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				City Rate
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births			47%		7.3%					10.7%
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births	157%				1.4%					3.6%
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births				25%	8.3					10.4
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children	101%				127					255
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children	115%				155					334
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)	162%				39.7					104
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)		60%			2.6					4.2
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)	88%				5.8					11



Gina

PERTH AMBOY

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old 10,883
Percent Non-White 49%
Percent Living with Single Parent. 32%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level 24%
Births in 1992. 847

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				City Rate
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births					7.3%	1%				7.2%
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births			29%		1.4%					1.8%
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births	99%				8.3					16.5
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children	120%				127					279
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children	119%				155					340
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)	138%				39.7					94
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)		71%			2.6					4.5
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)					5.8		42%			3.4

To do nothing is in
every man's power.
Samuel Johnson

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PLAINFIELD

UNION COUNTY

City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old 12,169
Percent Non-White 82%
Percent Living with Single Parent. 32%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level 17%
Births in 1992. 1,008

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				City Rate
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births		56%			7.3%					11.4%
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births	143%				1.4%					3.4%
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births			43%		8.3					11.9
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children	105%				127					260
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children	89%				155					293
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)	128%				39.7					90
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)					2.6	23%				2
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)				9%	5.8					6.4

Erin

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TRENTON

MERCER COUNTY

City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old 23,577
Percent Non-White 71%
Percent Living with Single Parent. 39%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level 27%
Births in 1992. 2,080

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				City Rate
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births			48%		7.3%					10.8%
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births	79%				1.4%					2.5%
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births			39%		8.3					11.5
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children	206%				127					389
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children	182%				155					438
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)	280%				39.7					151
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)	100%				2.6					5.2
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)					5.8			71%		1.7

This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in.
Theodore Roosevelt

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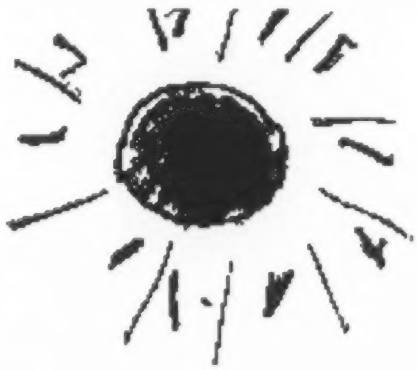
UNION CITY

HUDSON COUNTY

City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old 14,019
Percent Non-White 27%
Percent Living with Single Parent. 34%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level 28%
Births in 1992. 1,145

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				City Rate
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births					7.3%	15%				6.2%
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births					1.4%		38%			.9%
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births			47%		8.3					12.2
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children	167%				127					339
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children	153%				155					392
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)		71%			39.7					68
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)					2.6				100%	0
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)	123%				5.8					13



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VINELAND

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old 14,115
Percent Non-White 38%
Percent Living with Single Parent. 26%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level 16%
Births in 1992. 896

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				City Rate
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births				11%	7.3%					8.1%
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births	114%				1.4%					3%
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births		61%			8.3					13.4
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children			45%		127					184
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children		59%			155					246
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)	98%				39.7					79
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)					2.6					2.6
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)	79%				5.8					10.4

What matters today is not the difference between those who believe and those who do not believe, but the difference between those who care and those who don't.
Abbe' Pire

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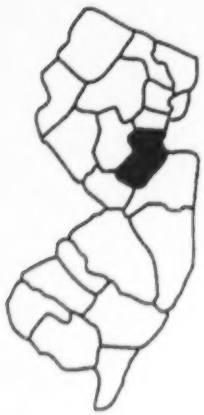
WOODBRIDGE

MIDDLESEX COUNTY



City Facts

Population under 18 Years Old 18,007
Percent Non-White 15%
Percent Living with Single Parent. 12%
Percent Living Below Poverty Level 3%
Births in 1992. 1,232

Indicator	Worse than State Average				State Rate	Better Than State Average				City Rate
Low Birth Weight '92 percent of all live births					7.3%	11%				6.5%
No Prenatal Care '92 percent of all live births					1.4%				79%	.3%
Infant Mortality Rate '92 per 1,000 live births					8.3			51%		4.1
Children Rec. AFDC '94 per 1,000 children					127			65%		44
Children Rec. Food Stamps '94 per 1,000 children					155			65%		54
Births to Teens '92 per 1,000 teens (15-19)					39.7		46%			22
Child Death Rate '92 per 10,000 children (1-14)					2.6	22%				2.1
Teen Death Rate '92 per 10,000 teens (15-19)			46%		5.8					8.5

GLOSSARY

Birth Statistics - Department of Health, 1992.

Births to Teens - The number of adolescents per 1,000 who gave birth in 1992 (Department of Health). Children born to adolescents are more likely to be of low birth weight, to have health problems, and suffer child abuse and neglect. Adolescent parents have fewer educational and career opportunities, thus perpetuating poverty for themselves and their children.

Child Death Rate - The number of children (ages 1-14) per 10,000 who died in 1992 (Department of Health). Over one-third of child deaths are caused by motor vehicle related injuries, infectious diseases, and other injuries including those related to fires. These causes are related to risks in families and communities, such as the lack of well-developed interventions and services.

Children Receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) Benefits - The number of children per 1,000 receiving AFDC benefits in 1994 (Department of Human Services). Children who receive these benefits are more likely to have health problems, to live in substandard housing, and to be abused or neglected.

Children Receiving Food Stamp Benefits - The number of children per 1,000 receiving Food Stamp benefits in 1994 (Department of Human Services).

Composite Rankings - The composite ranking is based on the cumulative standardized scores for each indicator. The standardized score of an indicator is the number of standardized deviation units that measure the distance from the mean of the distribution.

Indicator Rankings - All counties are arranged in sequential order from best (1) to worst (21) and assigned a rank using the latest available data on each indicator. Whenever there is a tie of two or more counties, they are assigned the most positive rank (for example, if three counties are tied at ranking positions 10, 11 and 12, they are each assigned a rank of 10 and the next county is ranked 13).

Infant Mortality Rate - The number of infants per 1,000 who died before their first birthday in 1992 (Department of Health). High rates of infant mortality are indicative of poor access to health care, lack of prenatal care, birth defects (including those caused by prenatal exposure to alcohol and drugs), and high rates of poverty.

Juvenile Arrest Rate - The number of juvenile arrests (ages 10-17) per 1,000 in 1993 (Uniform Crime Report/Census Data).

Juvenile Commitment Rate - The number of juvenile commitments (ages 13-18) per 1,000 in 1993 (Department of Corrections). Children in detention centers lack the opportunity to participate in family life, traditional education systems and interactions with the community. They are more likely to come from families and communities in which high risk behaviors are more prevalent.

Low Birth Weight - Percentage of babies born weighing below 2,500 grams (5.5 lbs.) in 1992 (Department of Health). These babies have a higher death rate (see Infant Mortality Indicator) and are more likely to develop disabilities which create a greater need for medical services, special education, and lifelong support services.

Non-White Population - Includes all those who are non-white, either of Hispanic Origin or not Hispanic Origin (1990 Census Data).

No Prenatal Care - Percentage of all children born in 1992 whose mothers reported receiving no prenatal medical care (Department of Health). Such children are more likely to be of low birth weight (see Low Birth Weight indicator). Mothers who do not receive prenatal care have higher rates of maternal death, illnesses and complications, all of which have adverse implications for the child.

Out-of-Home Placement Rate - The number of children placed in settings such as foster care, residential care or other out-of-home placements per 1,000 in 1994 (Department of Human Services and Department of Education). Children who are placed in such a setting often lack the stability of a nurturing home life.

Per Capita Personal Income - U.S Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, 1992.

Population Statistics - U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census, Census Data, 1990.

Quartile Rankings - The portion of the distribution which comprises an exact fourth of the total. This ranking shows the counties (13) that perform in the upper quartiles of the state and the counties (8) that perform in the lower quartiles of the state on indicators of child well-being. This gives a composite picture of county performance on all indicators of child well-being. Counties in the first quartile are the better performers.

Teen Death Rate - The number of adolescents (ages 15-19) per 10,000 who died in 1992 (Department of Health). A high percentage of adolescent deaths are caused by motor vehicle related injuries, homicide, suicide, and other high risk behaviors. These causes are associated with risks in their families and communities, such as the lack of well-developed interventions and services.

Statements

Child Abuse and Neglect - The New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services has not yet released its annual statistical summary of child abuse and neglect reporting in New Jersey. The Division is analyzing the impact of a major case practice reform initiative. This change in case practice has required the establishment of a new analysis process to allow for the accurate reporting of the entire universe of children and youth who have been abused or neglected or who are at risk of abuse or neglect. (DHS)

Population Calculations - Census estimates for 1991 and 1992 were available for the state. The 1990 Census Bureau MARS file (modified age, race, and sex), the statewide and county 1991 age/sex estimates, and the statewide 1992 age/sex estimates were used to generate 1992 estimates for cities and counties. The rates provided are only as accurate as the generated estimates. (DOH - Births to Teens, Child Death and Teen Death Rates)

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